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Kaua'i District Health Office to conduct survey to assess COVID-19 Impact on Kaua'i Households

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i Department of Health's (DOH) Kaua'i District Health Office (KDHO) will conduct a Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response, known as a CASPER survey to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Kaua'i households.

Survey teams will go door-to-door, April 22-24, to 30 census tracts that are weighted towards more populated areas within the county. Seven houses within each tract will be systematically selected and surveyed. Survey teams are comprised of DOH staff with support from the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency, Kaua'i Medical Reserve Corps, and the American Red Cross. Teams will be wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and social distancing will be observed. Participating households can complete the survey over the phone, if preferred.

"We greatly appreciate the participation of Kaua'i residents in this effort to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and immediate needs of our community," said Kaua'i District Health Officer Dr. Janet Berreman.

Selected households will be asked about their knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to COVID-19, as well as the financial and mental health impacts on people in their households. Team members will have on vests identifying themselves as part of the DOH-CASPER survey team and will carry identification cards. All survey responses are confidential, and names and addresses won't be collected.

The CASPER survey methodology was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a way to rapidly assess the health and other resource needs of a

community after a disaster. The data gathered will help the County of Kaua'i and Department of Health meet the immediate needs of Kaua'i families.

If you have questions about the CASPER survey, please call:

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